

The report of the Committee on Printing, in relation to the printing of the Governor's message in Spanish and German, was taken up, and on motion of Senator Shelley, laid on the table for the present.

Senator Neyland, Chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported correctly engrossed :

A bill to authorize the Treasurer to receipt for certain funds, now in the Treasury, and to dispose of the same.

Report accepted.

On motion of Senator Guinn, the report of the Judiciary Committee, recommending that a "bill to amend the exemption laws of the State of Texas," be not passed, was laid on the table, and Senator Guinn offered a substitute for the bill, which was adopted.

The following amendment proposed by Senator Selman, viz :

"Provided, That this act, as far as it is amendatory of the law as now is, shall not be so construed as to exempt the property from being seized and sold for the satisfaction of debts heretofore contracted," was on motion of Senator Reed, laid on the table by the following vote :

AYES—Senators Braswell, Brown, Bumpass, Burney, Coppedge, Dalrymple, Foscue, Guinn, Jowers, Littleton, McDade, Nelson, Neyland, Parker, Randolph, Reed, Saufley, Shannon, Shelley, Stell, Truitt and Yarbrow—22.

NAYS—Senators Blount, Boyd, Cook, Cooley, Lane and Selman—6.

Message received from the House announcing passage of a bill to authorize the Treasurer to receipt for certain funds, &c., &c., and to dispose of the same.

On motion of Senator Neyland, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
Sept. 1st, 1866. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called—quorum present.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Senator Stell moved that a committee of three be appointed to investigate a misrepresentation of himself in the Houston Telegraph, and set properly before the people the report of the

Committee on State Affairs, made by himself as Chairman, upon a resolution relating to deceased soldiers.

Senators Burney, Foscue and Record were appointed on the Committee.

Upon motion of Senator Yarbrow, Senator Shelley was excused from attendance on the Senate until Tuesday next.

Senator Parker made the following report :

Hon R. H. Guinn, President of Senate :

The Committee on Enrolled Bills have examined an act authorizing the Treasurer of the State to receipt for funds now in the Treasury, and to dispose of the same, and find the same correctly enrolled, properly signed, and they have presented it to the Governor for his approval. F. J. PARKER, Chairman.

Report accepted.

Senator Foscue, Chairman of Finance Committee, made the following report :

To the President of the Senate :

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the message of His Excellency, the Governor, in relation to monies received by Samuel Harris, late Provisional State Treasurer, beg leave to report that the legislation necessary, or as recommended by His Excellency, has already been had upon the subject.

F. F. FOSCUE,

One of the Committee on Finance.

Received to come up in order.

Senator Neyland made the following report :

Hon. R. H. Guinn, President pro tem. of Senate :

The Committee on Engrossed Bills have examined a bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the Rio Grande Railroad Company," and find the same correctly engrossed.

W. M. NEYLAND,

Chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Report accepted.

Senator Braswell made the following report :

Hon G. W. Jones, President of Senate:

The Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the time that railroad passenger cars shall stop at way stations, having duly considered the same, instruct me to report it back favorably with an amendment that the word "five," in the eighth line, be struck out, and "two" inserted in lieu thereof.

S. N. BRASWELL, Chairman.

Received to come up in order.

Senator Yarbrow made the following report "

Hon. G. W. Jones, President of Senate:

The Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred the House bill entitled "An Act to incorporate the Houston and Galveston Wharf and Press Company," having had the same under consideration, a majority of the committee have instructed me to report the bill back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

J. C. YARBRO, Chairman.

Received to come up in order.

Senator Yarbrow also reports:

Hon. G. W. Jones, President of Senate:

The Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred House bill entitled "An Act to incorporate the East Texas Petroleum and Mining Company," have had the same under consideration. A majority of the Committee have instructed me to report the bill back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

J. C. YARBRO, Chairman.

Received to come up in order.

Senator Yarbrow also made the following report:

Hon. Geo. W. Jones, President of Senate:

The Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred a House bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the Houston Gas Light Company," have had the same under consideration. A majority of said committee have instructed me to report said bill back to the Senate, with the following amendments, and recommend the passage of the bill with the amendments:

Amend first section by striking out, in fourteenth and fifteenth lines, the words "in any Courts and places whatever."

Amend third section by inserting after the words "at such time," the words "in the city of Houston," and insert the word "other" between the word "such," and "place" in the eleventh line. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. C. YARBRO, Chairman.

Received to come up in order.

Senator Cook introduced a bill to be entitled "An Act for the relief of the clerks of the District Courts of this State."

Read first and second times, and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Cook introduced a bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal an act to prevent judgments from becoming dormant, and to create and preserve judgment liens."

Read first and second times, and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Saufley offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The business of the Senate has accumulated to such an extent that the two pages now employed cannot keep up with the business before them; and that all things may be done promptly and in order,

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be authorized to employ one more page for the purposes above mentioned, in addition to the two already employed.

Adopted.

Senator Burney offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on State Affairs be requested to take into consideration the propriety of establishing an asylum for the orphans of Texas, in connection with Blind Asylum, and report by bill or otherwise.

Adopted.

Senator Braswell, Chairman of Committee on Internal Improvements, made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
Sept. 1, 1866. }

To the President of the Senate:

The Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred "An Act granting lands to the Houston and Texas Central Railway Company," having considered the same, instruct me to report it back, with amendments, as follows:

First, by adding to the first section as follows:

"Provided said road shall be put in running order to Bryant's Station, and cars run regularly thereon by the first day of September 1867."

Second, That the following be substituted for the third section:

"That surveys under the provisions of this act shall be made by deputies and district surveyors of the district in which the land is situated, and the field notes shall be recorded in each district, and returned to the General Land Office as other surveys, and said Railroad Company shall construct their road in the line heretofore prescribed by an act for the relief of the Houston and Texas Central Railway Company, approved February 8th, 1861." S. N. BRASWELL, Chairman.

Report received, to come up in order.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to amend an act entitled "An Act to exempt certain property, therein named, from execution, approved January 26, 1839," on its second reading, taken from the President's desk, read, and, upon motion of Senator Jowers, postponed, and made special order for 11 o'clock, on next Thursday, the 6th inst.

The following joint resolution, introduced by Senator Recor was read first time, and passed to orders of the day :

Resolved, That our Representatives in the Congress of the United States are hereby requested to use their influence in securing the establishment of a branch of the United States District Court at the town of Dallas, in Dallas county.

A bill to provide for the protection of the frontier of the State of Texas, on its third reading, was taken up, read, and upon motion of Senator Burney, postponed, and made the special order for 11 o'clock on Wednesday next.

A bill to authorize the State Treasurer to employ an extra clerk for the term of six months ; on its third reading, taken up, read third time, and passed.

A bill to apportion the State into Congressional Districts, and providing for the election of members to the Congress of the United States ; on its third reading, taken up, read third time, and passed.

House bills take up :

An act entitled "An Act to incorporate Evergreen Cemetery Association."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

A bill to be entitled "An Act attaching certain counties therein named, to the counties of Jack and Montague, for Judicial and other purposes."

Read first time, and passed to orders of the day.

"An Act concerning alien passengers."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

A bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the Galveston Wharf Junction Railroad Company."

Read first and second times, and referred to Judiciary Committee.

"An Act to incorporate the Texas Oil, Iron, Mining and Manufacturing Company."

Read first and second times, and referred to Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

A Bill providing for the appointment of a Commissioner of Statistics for the State of Texas."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Upon motion of Senator Lane, two hundred copies of the bill were ordered to be printed.

Senator Knox offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing be instructed to contract with publishers at San Antonio, or elsewhere, for printing, &c., the 500 copies of the Governor's message in the Spanish

and in the German languages, (as required by previous resolution of the Senate,) provided the cost of the same shall not exceed one half above the ordinary rates.

Adopted.

Senate Bill:

"An Act to incorporate the San Antonio Commercial Club," together with the following report thereon, taken up:

Hon. R. H. Guinn, President pro tem., Senate:

The Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the San Antonio Commercial Club," have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back with the accompanying amendment, and when so amended, recommend its passage:

Amendment—Add to Section 2 the words "provided the same shall not be contrary to or inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of this State."

Read second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The hour having arrived, the special message of the Governor was taken up.

Upon motion of Senator Reed, the nominations were confirmed.

The following report was taken up and adopted:

President pro tem., Senate:

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill entitled "An Act supplementary to the laws relating to the duties of Notaries Public," have given the provisions of the bill a careful consideration, and have unanimously instructed me to report the bill back to the Senate, and recommend that it do not pass.

J. K. P. RECORD, Chairman.

Also, the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled "An Act concerning filing of transcripts in the Supreme Court, have had the same under consideration, and have unanimously instructed me to report that, in the opinion of the committee, the subject matter of the first is sufficiently provided for in the 6th Section of an Ordinance of the late Convention, entitled "An Ordinance making valid the laws and acts of officers therein mentioned, and for other purposes."

And that the 2d section of the bill is subject to the objection that it proposes to bind sureties upon writs of error in cases where the liability of such sureties has already expired by limitation of law.

J. K. P. RECORD, Chairman.

Report of committee adopted.

Also, the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred "An Act to confer additional powers upon all incorporated cities and towns in the State of Texas," have instructed me to report that, after a full examination of the bill, they have come to the conclusion that no further legislation upon this subject is necessary, and that the bill be reported back, with the recommendation that it do not pass.

J. K. P. RECORD, Chairman.

Report of committee adopted.

A message was received from the House announcing the passage of the following bills, viz:

A bill appropriating money to defray the funeral expenses of the Hon. J. W. Guinn, deceased.

A bill appropriating money to defray the contingent expenses of the Eleventh Legislature.

A bill regulating contracts for labor.

A bill to incorporate the Texas Land, Labor and Immigration Company.

And, a bill to authorize and permit George W. Glasscock to sue the State of Texas.

And the adoption by the House of the following Joint Resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, to act in concert with a like committee on the part of the Senate, to draft resolutions expressive of our sympathy with and for our suffering brethren of our Southern States, whose fortunes have been ruined by the late war, and inviting them to a home in our midst.

House Committee—Messrs. Kendall, Short and Trowell.

A bill supplementary to and amendatory of an act passed April 30th, 1846, entitled "An Act defining the mode of conveying property, in which the wife has an interest," adversely reported upon by Judiciary Committee, on its 2d reading, was taken up, read, and report of committee adopted.

A bill to authorize the Supreme or District Judges to admit parties to the practice of law in certain cases, adversely reported upon by Judiciary Committee, on its second reading, was taken up, read, and report of committee adopted.

A bill to amend the 3d, 4th, 5th and 9th sections of an act to authorize the County Courts of this State to grant a license for the retail of spirituous, vinous, and other intoxicating liquors, in quantities less than a quart, and imposing a license tax for such

privilege, approved Feb. 2, 1856, on its second reading, taken up.

The following amendments proposed by the Judiciary Committee, were adopted:

1st. Insert the word "Judge" after the word "County," in line 6, section 3.

2d. Strike out "five" and insert "four" in line 9, section 4.

3d. In section 5, line 12, insert the word "or" between "Court" and "County," and strike out the words "Justice of the Peace or Mayor of any city or incorporated town."

4th. After the word "County" insert "Judge," in line 13, section 9.

5th. Strike out all of section 2 of the bill.

Senator Boyd moved to strike out from the bill "four hundred" and insert "six hundred."

Motion lost.

Senator Stell moved to amend by inserting the words "for money" after the word "games," in section 1st.

Motion laid upon the table, upon motion of Senator Guinn.

Senator Saufley moved to strike out "four hundred" and insert "two hundred and fifty."

The yeas and nays being called, upon motion of Senator Cook to table the proposed amendment, stood thus:

YEAS—Senators Blount, Boyd, Bumpass, Burney, Cook, Coppedge, Guinn, Nelson, Neyland, Randolph, Shannon and Truitt—12.

NAYS—Senators Braswell, Brown, Cooley, Dalrymple, Foscue, Jowers, Knox, Littleton, McDade, Parker, Record, Reed, Saufley and Yarbrow—14.

Motion lost.

Senator Reed moved to amend the amendment by inserting the words "specie, or its equivalent in currency."

Pending the adoption of the amendment,

Upon motion of Senator McDade, the Senate adjourned until Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
September 3, 1866. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called—quorum present.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Special message received from his Excellency the Governor.